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If the General had given it his own constant personal attention, we should unquestionably find more detailed reference to it.

Returning to Mount Vernon after the second presidential term was ended, Mrs. Washington wrote Mrs. Knox:—"I am again fairly settled down to the pleasant duties of an old-fashioned Virginia house-keeper, steady as a clock, busy as a bee, and cheerful as a cricket."

That part of her beloved home duties lay in the supervision of her flower garden we can scarcely doubt. The presence of a steward to relieve her of some of her more onerous household responsibilities and allow her leisure to receive the numerous guests who flocked to Mount Vernon left her sufficient time to indulge her

garden leanings. There seems to be every reason to justify Miss Wharton's words when she says, in the light of extracts from contemporary letters and memoranda of the personal recollections of relatives and visitors:—"We seem to hear her voice in the hall or garden, directing her numerous servants, or giving the gardeners orders about her favorite rose bushes, while she waits for her husband to come home to breakfast." Despite the paucity of direct allusion to Martha Washington as a maker of gardens, we are told enough to show her love for them, and confirmatory circumstances convince us that Martha's memory no less than the General's should be perpetually linked with the grounds and garden of Mount Vernon.

To a Sonnet

By FITZROY CARRINGTON

Sonnet, forgive me, if with hands untaught,
Ofttimes I try your magic web to weave;
And, having made the pattern, half believe
Your melody is wedded to my thought.
Spirit of Beauty! Though you are not bought
By love or labour, without love you die;
Then flee me not, for well you know that I
Have ever all I loved best to you brought.

Exacting Mistress! Be, as you have been,
My solace and my torment; let me live
To wear the laurel you would gladly give,
Though not yet on your lover's brow 'tis seen.
Sonnet I love you—yet I hate you too!
Love me a little—you shall find me true.